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PROTESTORS MARCH Tuesday at the White House.

## Senate okays adding 'sexual orientation'

by Anastasia Benshoff  
News Editor

The GW Faculty Senate adopted a resolution Dec. 14 to amend the University policy on equal opportunity to add the words "sexual orientation."

The senate amended the original resolution passed by the Joint Committee of Faculty and Students Nov. 2 to include clauses which will not interfere with any organizations where "distinctions are permitted by law or proved to be a bona fide qualification," according to the resolution.

Representatives from several student groups attended the meeting to support the resolution.

Speaking on behalf of the resolution, law professor Mary Chea said it had wide-based support from University students. She questioned whether GW wants to join those universities which have set policies against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Addressing concerns that adopting the resolution would jeopardize the presence of Reserve Officer Training Corps program on campus,

Chea said the University would be able to have an explicit anti-discrimination policy and ROTC simultaneously.

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg said he supported the resolution, but emphasized the need to consider the future of the ROTC program. Trachtenberg said the University currently has approximately 130 undergraduate ROTC students who receive about \$1,795,000 in undergraduate scholarship aid, equating approximately \$35-40 million in endowment income. The University also has 34 graduate ROTC students who are funded by the federal government through the Army/Air Force ROTC. Trachtenberg said the University could not afford to lose neither the \$1.7 million in funding or the ROTC students.

"How do we develop institutional language that is both nurturing and reassuring to the gay and lesbian community, and, at the same time, not impose upon the institution a truly painful financial loss?" he asked.

(See RESOLUTION, p.17)

## University reacts to war in Gulf, prepares for possible terrorism

by Jim Peterson  
Associate Editor

As air forces from the United States, Saudi Arabia, France and Great Britain began destruction of Iraqi military bases in Baghdad and Kuwait in "Operation Desert Storm," launched shortly after 7 p.m. last night, the reality of war and its implications on the future of the United States spread throughout the University community.

In the Marvin Center and residence hall lounges, students crowded around televisions and radios to hear President George Bush tell the world of the massive air attack.

"The 28 countries with forces in the Gulf area have exhausted all reasonable efforts to reach a peaceful resolution. We had no choice but to drive Saddam from Kuwait by force. We will not fail," he said from the Oval Office.

Shortly before midnight the night before, minutes before the end of the Jan. 15 deadline for Saddam Hussein to retreat from Kuwait, more than 5,000 people, including many GW students, converged at the White House to protest or offer support for the troops in Saudi Arabia, according to U.S. Park Police.

As the treat of war increased during the past days, news analysts and Middle East experts identified the threat of a terrorist attack in the United States as a definite possibility, citing Washington, D.C. as one of the most-likely potential targets. In the elevators and on the street, students questioned the possibility of a terrorist attack on or around campus.

Although the campus is a few blocks from the White House and State Department, University administrators and

experts said they do not see GW at the top of potential target lists, but have instituted additional measures to prepare for such an attack.

University Police has increased patrols around campus, adding one additional foot and motorized patrol to each shift, according to University Police Director Curtis Goode.

"Obviously being in an area of possible target concerns me and University administration. As a result of that there have been different discussions about the different initiatives to better protect the community," he said.

Regarding the possibility of GW as a possible target, Goode said, "I think there are more attractive targets in this city. If there is going to be a hypothetical list of top targets, we certainly wouldn't be at the top of the list."

He said University Police can enact additional security steps should the danger of a terrorist threat at GW increase.

Possible steps to be taken would include requiring everyone to display GW identification at all times in campus buildings. "If they were displayed like this, it would be easier for all of us to identify any non-community members," Goode said.

Additional steps could include setting up additional security checkpoints in buildings such as the Smith Center and the Academic Center after hours, he added.

"We could phase in different things depending on the risk factor," Goode said. He requested if anyone sees suspicious activity, such as someone bring in a briefcase and backpack

(See WAR, p.7)

## GW celebrates King's birth

### Farmbry awarded for his outstanding service in human rights

by All Sacash  
Hatchet Staff Writer

GW president Stephen Joel Trachtenberg presented the Martin Luther King, Jr. student medal for outstanding service in human rights to junior Kyle Farmbry at the Martin Luther King, Jr. convocation, yesterday in the Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre.

Author Maya Angelou was not present to receive the Martin Luther King, Jr. medal for outstanding service in human rights. According to University Marshal Jill Kasle, Angelou became sick and returned to North Carolina before the ceremony. Trachtenberg said, "I feel bad for Maya Angelou and I hope that she will visit us on a future occasion where we will be able to give her the award."

"It is particularly moving to be gathering together today as we all stand on the threshold of history," Trachtenberg said. "In speculating on what that decision means, in one way or the other, for the good or evil for our country and indeed for our plans, it is times like this that one particularly misses the leadership that Reverend King provided."

Trachtenberg also commented on the recent events surrounding the hoax about a rape that occurred on campus. "It is not only a fraud on campus, but it is also a lesson that makes us stronger," he said. Trachtenberg said the incident reminded him of the Scottsboro case in 1931, where black men were falsely convicted of raping a white woman.

Trachtenberg said, however, the community can overcome such setbacks by looking at the positive effects of

events. He cited Lisner Auditorium as an example. In 1946, he said, Lisner Auditorium was a "restricted house" at GW, and its policy refused to admit blacks to the theater performances. The GW administration received numerous letters of complaint, including the disapproval of Ingrid Bergman, who was scheduled to perform at Lisner, according to Trachtenberg. The policy was changed, he said, but serves to illustrate how far the civil rights movement has come in a few decades, yet how far it must go in the future.

After his speech, Trachtenberg awarded Farmbry with the medal. "At a time when world leaders flex their muscles with belligerent statements and threatening weapons, you remind us that a tone of reason and a voice of quiet diplomacy are the greatest assets of all," Trachtenberg said. He praised Farmbry for his "ambassadorial spirit," saying he encouraged other students to engage in community service by setting an example himself.

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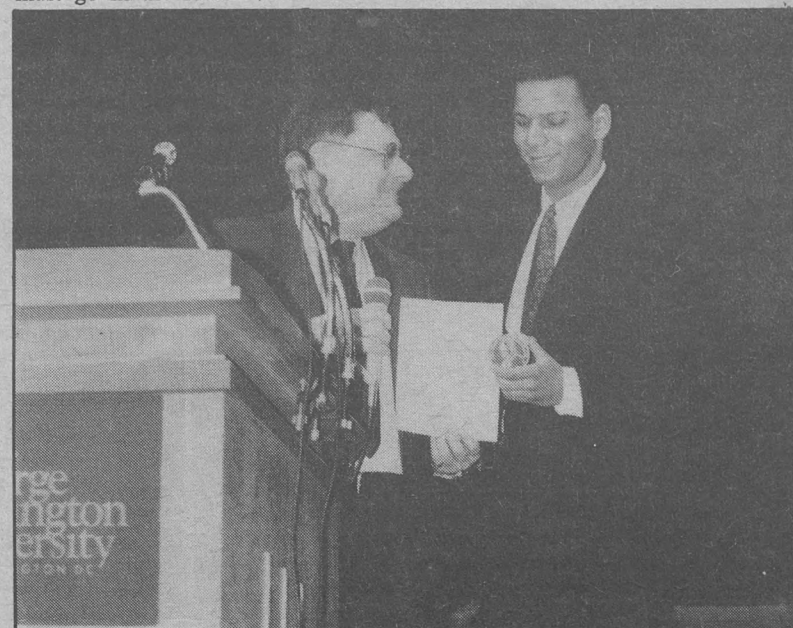


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TRACHTENBERG AWARDS MLK medal to Kyle Farmbry.

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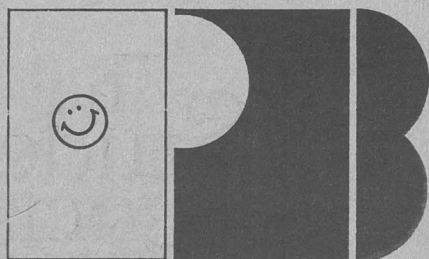
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# Prof. advises foreign journalists

by Debbie Solomon  
Asst. News Editor

GW professor and journalism department chair Philip Robbins answered questions from six Nepalese journalists via a teleconference dealing with press freedom and press practices.

Robbins and Jane Kirtley, executive director for the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, answered questions posed by the foreign journalists last December.

Throughout the past five years, Robbins said he has spoken to more than 24 groups of foreign journalists and has visited several countries where journalists are becoming curious about press freedoms.

He is a speaker and consultant to the Center for Foreign Journalists, an organization that arranges for speakers to talk with foreign journalists. The center also conducts press freedom workshops and programs at the invitation of foreign countries.

"The journalists ask me questions about the problems of an emerging press in a nation without an economic base, without advertising and in countries where conflicts between the press and the government are likely," he said.

Robbins has visited the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, China and several African nations. "Most of the topics that the journalists want to discuss are about freedom of information laws, laws of libel and privacy, freedom of the press versus privacy and questions about press coverage of government officials," he said. "My visit to China showed me that journalists are anxious for freedom, but things will not change too quickly.

"Chinese journalists are so hopeful about their increasing freedom, and they want press freedom so badly, but I think that things in China will not change too much with the same people in charge. A year and a half ago everything halted when the massacre at Tiananmen Square took place, and with that same government still in charge, I don't see any big changes in the near future," Robbins added.

In an effort to change attitudes about press freedom in Eastern Europe, Robbins, along with the Association for Education in Journalism, is trying to incorporate press freedom into everyday learning. "The AEJ has formed a committee to see what this organization can do to educate aspiring journalists in East European countries," he said. The group plans to teach the importance of

press protection and free press methods in journalism classes, he added.

Robbins said he firmly believes in freedom of the press. "I've spent all my professional life in newspaper work, or teaching about journalism.

"Defending freedom of the press comes naturally to me, and when I see something that is wrong, I feel that I should criticize it. Every journalist should have the freedom to do that, no matter what country they are from.

"Throughout the world, democratic societies, government and free press go hand in hand. Since so much of the world in the past few years seems to be moving towards more democracy, it is almost a given that they will also develop a free press system," he added.

Robbins said other countries can learn from the way things are done in the United States. "We have to be careful not to seem like we are imposing our own system, but we also have to help these countries further their press freedoms. My ultimate goal is to see free press and freedom of expression everywhere, all over the world," he said.

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# EDITORIALS

## A nation at war

Mr. President, we are scared. Operation Desert Shield became Operation Desert Storm just before 7 p.m. last night and we can not help but feel a flood of emotions.

Some question the ideologies behind this war, while others find them easy to define. But regardless of where each American stands, our current situation is irreversible. What yesterday was a nation of differing opinions, today is a nation obliged to support our troops. We hope and pray they come home as quickly and as safely as possible.

Those who saw Vietnam unfold in their living rooms remember the unnecessary destruction and terrible toll a war can cause. Today people fear the same, and have expressed their feelings by rallying for peace. They are not wrong.

Still, many rally around you, Mr. President, and the United Nations resolution, maintaining that the threat of force would bring peace. They say a war fought now would ensure we do not fight a more severe war later. Their method of attaining peace is understandable.

You are right, Mr. President. These are the times that try men's souls. This war will test this nation. It will test friendships. It will test both our intellect and our values. Before the shouting begins — which it will — we implore Americans to think before they shout.

Jan. 16, 1991, the day we went to war with Iraq, may turn out to be the saddest and most profound day in our lives. It will be difficult to keep a clear head. The most constructive thing we can do is stay informed and be realistic about what is happening.

But in order to get the support you want, you must continue to keep U.S. objectives in clear sight. Mr. President, there are things worth fighting for. We question your motives. This "New World Order" must be explained more thoroughly. If we are to win this war, what will victory look like?

The most frustrating aspect about the Middle East crisis is the perception that you, Mr. President, are not listening to us — we are divided. You have not addressed the thousands, if not millions, of people against this military intervention. You must at least listen to the dissenters — even if you disagree. They are just as much a part of this nation as our soldiers in the desert are.

When the white doves fly again, Saddam Hussein must not look like a hero to the rest of the world. In order to keep this coalition together, you, Mr. President, must continually seek the advice and consent of our allies. If we are to succeed, we must do it together.

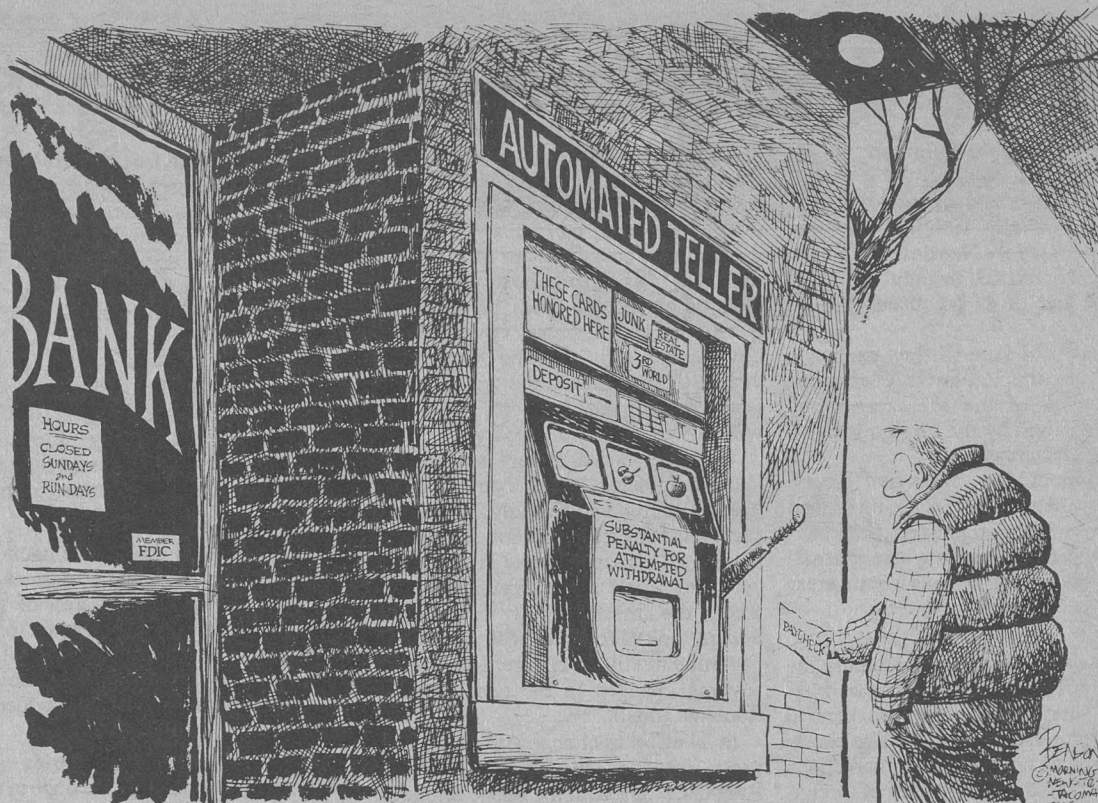
If there is any peaceful solution, both sides must continue looking for it.

On Jan. 16 the world changed. The world is once again engaged in a heated war. Perhaps we should have done something earlier to have prevented it. For 10 years Iraq built up its armies, threatened its neighbors and used weapons of mass destruction — even on his own people. And for 10 years we ignored it, and, in fact, even sold him some of the weapons he will soon use against us.

We are now face to face with the hideous sight of war — a war that will permanently change how our generation views the world and how we will steer the nation in decades to come. We can let this war divide and embitter us as Vietnam did. Or, we can use this experience to ensure that our children do not repeat our mistakes, creating a new world where war is not even considered a foreign policy option.

This must be the war to end all wars — because the chances of national and global unity through this one seem tough enough.

In the heat of battle, we must not lose sight of our ultimate goal — peace.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Divest now

Ever since I presented a paper on Steven Biko to the Student Conference for Peace held last March at GW, I have become more concerned about this university's investment in South Africa. Instead of making statements without the necessary facts to support them, I decided to do a little independent research on a topic that seems to have been forgotten. Read the facts and then you decide.

GW participates in something called the "Common Fund," an organization formed in the early 1970s to manage investment for educational institutions and allow them to pool funds for higher interest rates. Approximately 400 institutions, including Georgetown University, participate in this Common Fund, and GW puts all its endowment securities into the fund. The fund then parcels out portions of money to managers who specialize in various areas of investment. They put a percentage of money into securities and a percentage into bonds. Ten percent of the companies the Common Fund invests in have direct ties to South Africa.

According to the person I spoke with in the Office of the Vice President and Treasurer, the Common Fund has an "Investor Responsibility Committee" that ensures the fund only invests in companies that are committed to the Sullivan Principles and are also concerned with improving the situation in South Africa. I was also told that it is the policy of both the University and the Common Fund to invest only in companies that uphold basic principles of human rights. When I asked the office worker who was on this committee and what their qualifications were, she did not know. When I asked her what criteria were used to differentiate the companies with a "social conscience" from those without one, she again had no idea. When I asked if the University participated at all in screening the companies it invests in, she said once the \$140 million is in the fund, it is out of the University's hands. She said if GW doesn't invest in those companies operating in South Africa, then someone

else who cares less about the people in South Africa will.

Well, it sounds like quite a cop-out to me. The University is passing both the blame and the responsibility onto the fund. Though I agree that complete divestment does temporarily hurt the working black majority, it is still a necessary means of compelling the South African government toward the steps necessary for liberating blacks in South Africa. We need to continue to apply economic and social pressure so that the small amount of progress that has been made by the release of Nelson Mandela and the recognition of the ANC will grow. It is our responsibility to urge our University to become more responsible for its investments and to divest from South Africa.

-Monica Risam

### No justification

I am writing to express my displeasure about certain points made by The GW Hatchet editors in the Jan. 14 editorial "Meanwhile in Lithuania."

The editorial states, "Gorbachev's actions, although they may seem necessary in light of the unrest in the area, must be condemned." Certainly, one would agree that the Red Army's actions should be forcefully condemned, but it is difficult to understand the reasoning that led the editors to conclude that this action was "necessary in light of the unrest in the area." In what kind of civilization is it necessary to brutalize and murder defenseless human beings for the crime of protesting a wrongful act, such as the seizure of the Vilnius television broadcasting station?

The crimes against the formerly independent Baltic states of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia began with their occupation and annexation by the Soviets in 1940. The Baltics are fighting for the self-determination which is rightfully theirs by means of peaceful protest, despite repeated Soviet provocations to violence. It is a grave error to suppose that unrest is justifiably met by violence and bloodshed.

Another misconception is the

assumption that Lithuania would turn to the Soviet Union for guidance to insure its economic and political survival. In actuality, the Baltic States have always had a Western political outlook and would not seek out counsel from an empire that cannot handle its own problems.

The editors should be aware that the Baltic states were independent before World War II and they are aware of the hardships that lie ahead of them in rebuilding democratic states. The hope for freedom gives them the impetus to push on despite the obstacles.

-Sonja Burgelis

### School spirit

We are writing this letter to show our appreciation to Karleen Peterson for her spirited letter in the last issue of The GW Hatchet. We have devoted a majority of our undergraduate careers to promoting school spirit at GW through the band. Together we can make a difference!

You are probably unaware that there are official words to GW's fight song. We welcome you to come sing and cheer with us at the games and support our basketball team. We can be the "sixth man" on the court and make the Smith Center a formidable place for opponents to play. Here are the official words to our fight song, "Hail to the Buff and Blue":

Hail to the Buff!  
Hail to the Blue!  
Hail to the buff and blue!  
All our lives we'll be proud to say,  
We hail from GW.  
Oh by George we're happy we can say,  
We're GW and to show the way,  
We'll raise high the buff,  
We'll raise high the blue,  
Loyal to GW!  
You bet we're loyal to GW!  
Fight!

-Michael Pacifico, president  
-David Aldrich, vice president  
-GW University Band

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# OPINION

## District of Columbia is MY city

I've lived in Washington, D.C. for six months. I made a pilgrimage of sorts by choosing to come here. That's right, I'm in D.C., at the National Law Center, studying to become a lawyer. As any newspaper, magazine or tabloid will declare when it needs to fill up a couple of column inches, D.C. has the highest concentration of lawyers in the world — approximately one for every 22 residents. "Frightening," some would say. "Mecca," I said.

When I arrived here, I could not believe everything I had the opportunity to do. Growing up in South Florida and attending four years of college in Atlanta left me thinking that leisure time was best spent sunbathing or reminiscing about the greatness of pre-Civil War times or doing both simultaneously. My moving here has changed that.

I live about four blocks from the White House. I have watched Japanese tourists spend hours filming video of the Mall, observed some "true, red-blooded" American give his "li'l lady" a (mis)guided tour of the National Gallery and heard arguments between people of just about every nationality I could think of. These incidents, among others, have provided me with free entertainment unlike any I've known. I purposely have avoided attending anything at the Kennedy Center, for fear that any paid extravaganza will fail to live up to the eclectic array reality plays which I can see — *gratis* — on any given day.

That is where my fond musings about D.C.'s greatness unfortunately taper off. As much pleasure as those things have bestowed upon me, it is those ugly, 6 o'clock-news- feature-type occurrences that have begun to shape my perception of this city. The apparent homeless epidemic has caused D.C. to leave a rather bittersweet taste in my mouth.

The first souring episode happened not long after I moved into my gloriously-overpriced Foggy Bottom efficiency. Walking around the corner to get some milk and junk food, I was accosted by the first of many panhandlers who would use pity and guilt to make me part with whatever coins I had in my pocket.

Employing my newly learned "urban awareness," I simply ignored this man. He followed me. I continued to ignore him. He started yelling at me — things to the effect of "Way to go, man! God will watch over you. Thanks a lot and God bless you!" I finally entered the store, feeling relieved to be inside and disgusted with myself. Growing up in a Jewish home, I was used to people making me do what I didn't want to do by making me feel guilty. After all, I believe Jewish mothers invented the approach. I thought I had learned to brush it aside. This homeless man, however, hit a new nerve.

"Why do I have so much?" I painfully asked myself, wrongly regard-

*Ron Abramson*

ing my good fortune as more of a curse than a blessing. As I walked home via an alternate route, I could not look the next beggar in the eye. My own sense of shame kept me from making mere eye contact with another human being.

After some serious moping and self-pity, I decided to investigate the actual extent of the problem. "It's can't be as bad as the press makes it out to be," I naively thought. Upon a further investigation, I found out that I was right — it was worse.

In one day, I arbitrarily went to Dupont Circle, where I counted 22 people asleep in the circle at about 2 p.m. I proceeded to work my way down towards Pennsylvania Avenue. Once I arrived at Lafayette Square (what irony, across from the damn White House), the visions of dirty, withdrawn people curled up under the trees on benches, carefully clutching everything they own, hit me very hard. I wanted to do something. Of course, then came the question: what can an over-stressed first-year law student do to help the homeless? My problem, incidentally, is the same one which I believe has prevented society from noti-

ceably improving the homeless situation: I simply didn't know where to start when the problem, as a whole, appears so insurmountable to begin with.

To be perfectly honest, I have not done anything that will earn me a Nobel Prize. In no way will I be mentioned in the same breath with Mitch Snyder. So far, I have bought a few homeless people some hot dogs from vendors who are set up near the plazas where they sleep. I have not approached these homeless people with the food, out of fear of insulting whatever sense of pride they still possess. Instead I have paid the vendor for several dogs and drinks and asked her (I would not really trust a man to do this) to please give the homeless people the food when they wake up. Once, I checked with two of the people to see if they had received their food. They had. I was very happy. The rest of my efforts involve occasionally leaving bags of canned food at the homeless camp near my apartment and always giving any doggie-bags from dining out to the first homeless person I see (sadly, I have yet to make it home with any leftovers, for I almost immediately run into someone who needs them).

What have I accomplished so far? Cynics and staunch conservatives might say nothing. In terms of the big picture, they are probably right. But, in terms of the little pictures, I think I've accomplished two things: I have relieved the pangs in a few people's stomachs for a short while, and, more significantly, I may have instilled in a few homeless the slightest bit of trust in the "system," or in white people, or in students or maybe just in other human beings. I wish I could do more. And soon I will try by teaching homeless children to read through a program the law school runs. For now, though, I can walk around MY city, and I can see any person, homeless or not, and look him or her directly in the eyes without feeling guilty or helpless. At the worst, I've improved my personal little picture. And I can live with that.

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## Odds for finding books in Gelman is improving

The lively debate over the Gelman Library's services that pervaded The GW Hatchet during the fall semester deserves an equally spirited response. I'm happy to outline exactly what we've done lately.

Can't find a book in the library? Here's why your odds on successfully finding a book will increase dramatically during spring semester:

If you venture onto the lower level, you'll see that we're installing compact shelving for 140,000 volumes. Installation will be completed by the end of January. Then, A through D sections of the Library of Congress classification will be shelved there. All of the rest of

We'll replace between 500 and 700 books this spring, and plan to continue an active replacement program.

Want to use the library from your home or residence hall? Need to check sources for your term paper and you don't feel like going to the library? The library catalog, ALADIN, is now an online database that links the records of eight university libraries in the greater Washington area. Remember that this new online database can be searched from your residence hall or apartment computer, if you have a modem. Stop by the information desk in the library and learn how. The communication software you need is free from the Computer Information and Resource Center/User Services in Academic Center B-106.

Why tell me about all the books the other libraries have if I can't get them?

You're right. It makes sense to make other libraries' books available on inter-library loan and to let students to borrow directly from those libraries. But to make this happen, all of the eight cooperating university libraries have to agree on a plan. These arrangements are in place for faculty and graduate students. Beginning Feb. 1, we'll do a trial run for undergraduates between GW and American University. If everything goes well, we'll extend the program to all eight schools in the fall.

Why is there so much hassle getting into the building?

Actually the hassle has decreased. When you forget your ID card we can use the new ALADIN database to check that you're a member of the new GW community and let you into the building. So many of you like this new service that we are now doing 864 ID checks each week — that's one about every five minutes!

Notice the new turnstiles? They are for the new University ID system. Hassle getting into the building will decrease further as we cut over to the new ID cards. You'll use these cards in the turnstiles to enter the building — no more checking IDs.

So what about study space?

You've already heard about the 24-hour reading room that will appear

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*Sharon Rogers*

the books on floors four and five will be spread out so you can find the books more easily and the library staff can actually shelve them where they belong.

The compact shelving is paid for through the \$50 tuition gift funds. Everyone who finds the stacks easier to use this semester can thank their colleagues who contributed.

We're contracting our shelving this semester to a company that's responsible for adding staff when needed to handle unexpected shelving loads — like 30,000 volumes returned right after Thanksgiving when you finished your term papers. Those 30,000 volumes required 500 hours to re-shelve just at the time when most of our student shelveers started their routine cancellation of work hours because they were busy at the end of the semester. The standard specified in the contract is that all books are re-shelved in 24 hours.

Can't find the book you want in the library?

Approximately \$50,000 of the \$50 tuition gift funds is buying 1,250 books that we wouldn't have been able to purchase otherwise.

We've identified additional money to buy replacements for books that you were searching for and we couldn't find.

## Thinking about war raises the most difficult questions

I sit staring out my window, looking at the Lincoln Memorial, pondering the four hours I have left until the Jan. 15 deadline.

Thinking about war is not an easy thought load. There are so many questions: Should we be over there? Is it only about oil? Is Bush over-stepping his bounds of authority?

Again Lincoln comes to mind. Today he sits and stares at all who enter his marble sanctuary. More than 100 years ago he sat pondering many of the same questions we do today. He wondered if it was within his authority to lead the country into a civil war. He decided yes, to preserve the union. President George Bush has decided yes; he's saving the world.

Saddam Hussein is not a character

who will just disappear and never be heard from again. Like Hitler, he will continue to be a thorn in society's side until he is removed. Bush is trying to preserve the world by maintaining order so people like Hussein cannot romp around the globe taking countries at will.

I was at the White House yesterday twice. The hippies are back trying to relive an era that has long since been laid to rest. They seem out of place, their message lost among the crowds of diverse people. Do they really still believe or is this just a good cause to rally behind and try to revive their dying breed? At one point I found myself next to a man in an overcoat carrying a briefcase. Around his neck was a sign that said, "Peace Not War." As I was walk-

ing away, a child of no more than six years was walking with his parents, carrying a sign that said, "No War Over Oil!" Can he possibly understand? Can anyone of us possibly understand? Our

*Carl Forti*

country has never been overrun by another, we've never had our country taken away. It's never even been a serious threat, so how can we be expected to understand? Americans don't understand being homeless — without a

country, without a government, without a flag.

The draft is another serious question threatening everyone in my age group. It scares me, too. My dad was drafted into Vietnam, and he's scared for me. Those of us in college are beginning to realize the implications of what the draft might mean. We're talking about it and we are scared.

Terrorism is another big fear, living in the District. I live three blocks from the White House. What if some wacko supporter of Hussein's decides to level a few blocks to make a statement? Washington is a target, and for the thousands of people who live here, the threat is now real.

Hussein needs to be stopped, now.

Appeasement did not work once, so let's stop the threat at the start. World War II cost us hundreds of thousands of lives. Let's stop Hussein now and incur as little loss as possible. We have to preserve the world. Someone has to do it. And it falls on the shoulders of the world champion of democracy, the United States of America, "the land of the free, and the home of the brave!"

"... Bombs bursting in air. Gave truth to the night that our flag was still there!" The Kuwaitis deserve to have their flag still there, and if we're the only ones who can give them that chance, so be it!

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# OPINION

## Multiculturalism is the key to lower tensions on campus

In recent months, members of the GW community have been victims of unusual circumstances. Since October, when the blow dart incident occurred, the issues of discrimination, multiculturalism and crime have become significant on our campus. This has brought about a division between students, faculty, administrators and alumni. Even more apparent has been the tension-filled communication between races, religions and colors.

The most recent factor in this breakdown occurred on Dec. 6, when a fabricated story of an assault and rape on campus brought about even greater racial tension. A 19-year-old GW student, who was the apparent victim, was reported to have been raped by two black male perpetrators, who themselves made racially-motivated comments while performing the supposed crime. The initial reports of the crime stirred emotions and fear among all GW students. While the issues of security and crime became apparent, once this hoax was uncovered, stereotyping and discrimination became more topical.

Upon reading the first report of the crime, we were not only concerned for the victim, but for the entire GW populous. This incident brought about our own realization that such crimes do occur not only in the city around us, but on our very own streets. Even more horrifying was the thought of our own friends being the victims of such a

crime. Both the mental and physical anguish felt by such a victim is extremely threatening to all of us.

Only a few days following this report, we were informed of the true facts. Certainly, we were shocked and appalled. The shock transpired from the idea of such a cruel hoax, while the disgust came from the racially discriminatory statements and comments which were falsely portrayed. While our society tends to believe the wrongful treatment of blacks is only a part of history, this is clearly untrue. Events such as this tend to perpetuate the stereotypical responses and attitudes towards minority groups. The fabrication of this crime epitomizes these circumstances which continue to plague our society.

We feel such an incident brings about an intensified division of the people, accompanied by strong feelings of mistrust and severe cases of tension. The above characteristics are not the common portrayal of a campus where unity, brotherhood and integration should prevail. As students on this campus, we must strive to better these conditions through an adjustment of our views, attitudes and actions.

We propose the installation of an effective system of multicultural education on this campus. One possibility would be the integration of this education in the new proposed student orientation class. While this class would already orient new students to the city

and the campus, it would additionally provide insight on the people who surround us. A new perspective to view international students and other minority groups would be the goal of such an integration.

Such a goal can also be achieved through such things as classes and seminars. An upper-level class could be created for the discovery, appreciation and awareness of cultural differences. Such a class could include reading material focused on these issues, entailing both history and current events, so as to encourage a full understanding of

*Richard Carter*

*Gary Frank*

minority issues. While the upper level class would be geared toward sophomores, juniors and seniors, the orientation class would be targeted toward freshmen.

Furthermore, we would propose seminars, made available to all students at convenient times and locations. Such seminars would feature guest speakers from around the country and the world to inform and educate our campus through an expression of their feelings and experiences. These seminars would

occur periodically, and no prior registration would be required. Finally, a long-term goal of the University could be to implement an academic minor in multiculturalism. This minor would be part of the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, yet remain open to all students. This minor would promote the transmission of accurate knowledge to the outside world.

Each of these ideas would certainly promote multicultural education at the college level. Such an education could inevitably benefit our society as a whole.

While education is foremost in our minds, it is the prevention of discrimination on our campus which remains our first priority. Just as President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg proposed, a committee of faculty, students and administrators should study the events which occurred. Not only would this committee investigate the incident, but serve as a measure of to promote awareness on campus.

Despite the extreme importance and attention which should be given to the issue of multiculturalism and discrimination, we must not neglect the issues of security and crime. While our campus employs an effective system of security, the students themselves must remain aware of their surroundings and take preventative measures to remain safe. While this incident of rape did not actually occur, the underlying threat still remains.

Such a crime could easily have occurred on our campus and we must be prepared. When the original report was first released, security tightened and students intensified their personal measures of safety. Such measures should not be abandoned. In addition, we must realize and recognize crime does and will continue to flourish on the streets of Washington D.C.

As a school in the District, we remain vulnerable to crime and even the most significant measures of professional security can not effectively prevent such an abundance of crimes. Take to heart the seriousness of criminal activity so as to remain safe and conscious of its consequences.

As GW students, we are inclined to be apathetic to the issues of crime and especially discrimination. We must alter our views to recognize the frightening consequences and truths of this. Through multicultural education, we can allow for the accurate reflection of positive attitudes and actions to rectify an ailing situation. While we can not provide for a utopian society, we can nevertheless strive toward improving our campus and respective societies. In order to improve, we should undoubtedly implement multicultural guidance to this end.

*Gary Frank is a senator for the School of Business and Public Management. Richard Carter is a freshman senator.*

## Tired of watching my fellow GW students become victims

I am writing this letter because I am tired of watching my fellow students become victims. We are living in an environment where we are stymied by D.C. law and University policy from adequately and realistically protecting ourselves, and therefore we must rely upon a campus police force that lacks the training and equipment necessary to properly insure our personal well-being and enforce the law and policies of the University and the District of Columbia.

We all know about the fictitious rape story that was set behind Strong Hall. My question is, if the story were true, what could our security officers have done to save her other than calling the cops? Many of our security officers are out of shape, obese or exhausted from other important duties such as familial and academic responsibilities.

Recently, I witnessed a man walking around on campus that is wanted by the U.S. Marshall service for his escape from the mental ward at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. This man, Curtis Hancock, is also wanted for other charges including burglary and intent to rape. In addition,

this white male, 5' 10", 220 pounds with grayish brown hair and brown eyes is known to be armed with various types of edged weapons and is therefore dangerous.

How would our security officers handle such a situation? Sticks and faulty flashlights are obviously no match for an armed maniac. How many more of our students must become as sheep to the slaughter?

In order to eradicate this escalating crisis of violence on our campus and to restore and maintain the peaceful integrity of and academic environment, the administration must do the following:

Improve the University Police force by implementing a policy of hiring officers capable of enforcing University policies and law. High standards of education, physical fitness, prior experience and motivation must exist to ensure competency of the police force.

The University should implement a policy of training that would thoroughly train the newly hired and screened officers in basic police procedures which would include but not be limited to

University policies, D.C. laws, arrest and processing procedures, CPR/first aid and officer survival training which would encompass the proper and judicious use of the police flashlight, night stick, unarmed self defense and chemical mace.

This comprehensive training regimen must take place before officers are

*Russell D. Nomer*

required to actively patrol the streets, properties and dorms of the campus. The current policy and practice of sending unscreened, untrained and unarmed officers into the jaws of danger must cease. Additionally, a thorough program of unarmed self defense and defensive flashlight tactics must commence immediately to allow new officers to

have a fighting change until both their 90-day probationary period is up and their Special Police Commission is granted by the District of Columbia.

The University must seriously examine the practical and proper issuance of firearms and body armor to commissioned campus police officers. Too frequently have campus police officers faced individual or multiple violent suspects with edged weapons and/or firearms. (If anyone doubts this, ask to see the police blotter, officer reports and property drawers in the Woodhull House.) Therefore, in the face of the criminal misuse of firearms and edged weapons, our officers must be equipped with both the modern tools and techniques of a 21st century, metropolitan campus police force. Highly trained, equipped and properly armored police officers would not only contribute to the security and tranquility of our campus, but also be an asset to the general safety and security of our nations capital. Parents, students, administrators, faculty, alumni and friends of GW must demand the investment in

those individuals, tools and techniques that would eliminate the current menagerie and patchwork collage of mediocre personnel, training, equipment and supervision. Lives, property and GW's reputation as a fine academic institution must not be lost, damaged or tarnished.

In conclusion, President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg must make due on his recent promises through timely, judicious and thorough action. The administration must promote a pro-active policy and strive to eliminate the current baby-sitter status and training of the current police force. We are not asking more than we, the current tuition-paying students of the University, should demand.

In the words of the 18th century English statesman Edmond Burke, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

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on the first floor of Gelman. Student groups have reviewed the plans and given advice. When the new study space is completed, it will provide an additional 68 seats. Students will have privacy, quiet and security for studying on a round-the-clock basis.

We're working on plans to refurbish the "fishbowl" study areas on the fourth floor — with some of the \$50 tuition gift money. Last fall we sent out hundreds of detailed survey questionnaires to provide a random sampling of GW students to get their

viewpoints and experiences with Gelman. We'll compare this information with a similar study that we did back in 1987. Once results are tallied, they'll have important implications for our strategic plan for 1992-95 — and you as students will experience these results directly on a daily basis.

GW's student chapter of the American Marketing Association is working with us to get the good news out to you on a more regular basis. These marketing students will help shape a long-term marketing plan for

the library. They tell us what our "image" is like from a student's perspective.

I've met with members of the Student Leadership Team to discuss their library concerns and get their advice. Any other questions? We're always interested in the dialogue — and in the results that it brings. I hope you'll enjoy the Gelman Library that you helped create.

*Sharon Rogers is assistant vice president for academic affairs and University librarian.*



# New multicultural program proposed

by Karmela LeJarde

Hatchet Staff Writer

A coalition of GW students, in response to the racial and cultural tensions around the campus and city, are attempting to establish a certification program aimed at promoting "cross-cultural sensitivity, cultural awareness, prejudice reduction and sensitivity," according to the bill submitted to administration officials by the students.

"We are still very much in the planning stage," said Eileen Jacobowitz, executive assistant to the University marshal. "We envision this as a program which will enable the students to participate or sponsor various programs promoting cross-culturalism."

According to the general description released, the program will be "based largely on experiential learning opportunities within and outside the University," which will give students credit toward certification in some aspect of cross-cultural understanding. Possible options mentioned include prejudice reduction workshops that are organized by students, various lecture series or special assignments with various culturally affiliated organizations.

According to junior Kyle Farmbry, the program will be addressing issues of racism, sexism, homophobia, xenophobia and other polarizing issues.

"This certification program would be

very useful as far as addressing the changing demographics in this country," Farmbry said. "(It) would allow students to enter the work market with knowledge of multiculturalism, which would definitely add to their salability with employers," he said. Jacobowitz noted the program will give the students an upper hand in the work force by demonstrating empowering and unusual work they have done.

Farmbry said GW will profit from the program by attracting endowments from various foundations.

Both Jacobowitz and Farmbry said the formulation of the program is an outgrowth of last year's VIVA (Vital Issues, Varied Approaches) workshop. Farmbry and Jacobowitz both participated in last year's workshop focusing on multiculturalism.

Farmbry said people will get involved because they are granted certification. He said he hopes the program will make people more aware of our differences and use them as a rallying point instead of a weapon.

The members of the coalition have targeted the end of the semester as an informal deadline to complete a draft proposal. Farmbry formally announced the proposal in his speech at the Martin Luther King, Jr. ceremonies yesterday, where he received the Martin Luther King, Jr. student medal.

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and then abandon it, University Police should be immediately notified.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Roderick S. French said he has had no official notification from authorities such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation that the University is on a list as a potential target.

"I have no reason to think why at this stage we would be a target. We don't have any investments in that area that would cause the University to become a target of terrorist actions," French said.

"Members of the University have been in communication with people who have the responsibility for the general security of the city and federal establishments. The only thing we can do is keep that communication open. Mainly we are concerned with the safety of students and we'll do our best to have the most current information and procedures to keep the University and parents informed in the event that we learn anything," he added.

Christopher C. Joyner, associate professor of political science and expert on terrorism and Middle East politics, agreed with Goode and French that the chances of an attack at GW are not high.

The campus has "no value, no military purpose or other value that a terrorist organization might want to attack," he said. A building with greater "psychological, symbolic significance" such as a government building, the Library of Congress, a Smithsonian museum or public transportation such as the Metro would have more value as a potential target, Joyner said.

With plastic explosives commonly used by terrorists, a small bomb, such as one concealable in a suitcase, is capable of destroying a "significant portion" of a large building, Joyner said, adding it will be difficult for terrorists to target government buildings since extra security has been enacted in recent months. A terrorist in Washington would most likely utilize traditional bullets and bombs rather than chemical warfare Hussein is known to use, Joyner said.

At the U.S. Capitol, extra security forces have been called out and police have begun using mirrors to check for bombs beneath entering vehicles and FBI snipers have been placed on the roof, according to a Jan. 16 CNN report.

Joyner said an attack in a major U.S. city is highly possible, but noted that threats or terrorist acts are more likely to happen abroad. He cited airplanes and airports as the most logical targets. Joyner said airports in London, Athens, Frankfurt, Rome and Vienna are particularly likely and vulnerable targets.

He said Hussein does not have the power needed in Iraq to command the terrorists in foreign countries, but it does have the power to sponsor them with money and weapons.

He said a number of known Palestinian terrorist groups have been identified in the last months in and around Baghdad. "More than 1,000 known terrorists have been sighted there since October, possibly conspiring with Saddam Hussein."

In addition to increased awareness and security measures on campus, Acting Dean of Students Linda Donnels said discussions between University departments have begun to provide additional group support services for those with family and friends in the Persian Gulf.

"The Dean of Students office can be the central contact for students with individual concerns. We need to get a feel for what is needed.

"Personally I've felt a lot of stress. This is a very distinct time in our national history. Even if a person has no personal connection to someone in the Persian Gulf, we all react strongly to war—to this tragic thing that has happened," Donnels added.

Although not a part of security measures enacted because of the Gulf crisis, Goode said University Police are requiring current validation stickers on GW identification cards in order to enter campus buildings with security checkpoints.

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# Expert assesses Hussein's tactics

Post says Iraqi president is not 'madman of the Middle East'

by Alec Zaccaroli  
News Editor

He has conducted nearly 75 interviews with news organizations regarding Saddam Hussein and the Persian Gulf crisis. He has testified before different committees in Congress and acted as an advisor to both the Departments of Defense and State. He has appeared on CNN, the ABC television news show *Prime Time Live* and, most recently, he was featured in the cover story of the Jan. 15 issue of *USA Today*.

By virtue of his knowledge, you might expect to find Jerrold Post in some high cabinet position, heading up an intelligence organization or featured as the central character in a Tom Clancy novel. Actually, he's closer to home, with his official title being a GW professor of psychiatry, political psychology and international affairs.

Post said the media blitz started when the Boston Herald contacted him, soon after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, and asked him to give an assessment of Hussein as a feature for their Sunday issue. "Then I sent copies of it to some of the people at CNN who had made use of me on some terrorist events, and other issues, once or twice in the past," Post said. "They asked me early on to comment on Saddam and CNN sort of is the channel that really every one is watching, including Saddam Hussein, which is always an interesting aspect."

"I have now, I guess, basically had interviews with most of the major networks," Post added.

Post attributed much his media attention to his field of expertise. As a political psychologist, Post said he has been able to get inside Hussein's head more than politicians and media have been able to. His knowledge of the behavior

of Arab leaders has become a scholastic asset to those trying to make heads or tails of the issue.

"The reason for this has to do with this strange specialty of mine in that most political crises don't rest on the personality and political behavior of one man," he said. "This is one of these unique moments in history where the reactions, the perceptions, the judgments, the decisions of one man are of crucial significance . . . and that man's psychology is very unclear to those people. So being able to have some sort of a map, an understanding of what makes Saddam Hussein tick, is of great interest to the American public and of great interest to our policy makers."

In a Jan. 15 interview with the New York station WABC, Post stressed that Hussein is not "the madman of the Middle East" he has been made out to be. He said Hussein is a pragmatic decision maker, adding the Iraqi president has waited to achieve the level he is at now and would likely be willing to suffer defeat against U.S. forces in order to maintain the honor that accompanies not backing down to the West.

When asked whether there is significant basis to the comparison between Hussein and Hitler, Post said, "It's not a good political parallel but in fact there are some psychological similarities." He said Hussein represents a dangerous personality. "He is not crazy, he is not the madman of the Middle East, but he does have a particular collection of personality traits which people, who look at the criminal personality, consider dangerous to the extreme," Post said.

Hussein is a "malignant narcissist," according to Post, who said there are four aspects to support this.

"One is unbounded grandiosity, narcissism, self-absorption with little ability to empathize with the pain and suffering of others. Secondly, no conscience. Saddam has no scruples. He does what ever has to be done and he justifies it for the revolution, but its really for his own means."

"Thirdly, willingness to use whatever aggression is necessary in order to accomplish the goals. And finally, having a paranoid outlook, not paranoid crazy, but he sees his actions as justified by the enemies around him," Post added.

It is inherent, in the Arab world, that honor can come before the desire to create peace, Post said, adding this may be a major source for Hussein's lack of willingness to pull out of Kuwait.

"I have an edge of optimism he still may do something creative, or may still turn around, but he may well have persuaded himself, especially because of the role he has with the Palestinians, that this can be his historical moment and indeed the Arab world is rich, historically, with examples of people who gained great stature even though they lost militarily," Post said.

In the 1967 war, Sadat lost decisively and yet it was that act of courage which permitted him to go, eventually, to Camp David. Nasser lost significantly in the 1966 Suez crisis and Qaddafi, you may recall, when we crossed his so called line of death, sent jets up against the United States. We shot them all down. He thanked the United States for making them heroes of the Third World," Post said.

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# ARTS & FEATURES

## Celebrating our disco heritage in 90s style

by Meredith Fisher

One hour after the first news station reported that the United States had started bombing Baghdad, I was scheduled to interview the Moribund Brothers, a retro-'70s band composed of GW students and alumni.

I sat down at the table in George's and immediately asked the band members what they thought of our latest military action. "For us, it's 1978," laughed bassist Hunter Bennett. "... There's no war going on, and the biggest problem in the world is the gas crisis."

Taking its name from the original French version of Jacques Brel's song, "Le Moribund" ("Seasons in the Sun"), the Moribund Brothers are a totally groovy bunch of guys. Stuart Turner, dressed in a powder-blue tuxedo jacket, leads the band with his gruff vocals. Ed Scher sports that nifty polyester look while playing guitar, Bennett on bass shows off his vintage orange shower curtain-like blazer and drummer Dave Andler looks pretty stylish, too.

They've only been playing together for about two-and-a-half months, but already a clever taste for parody of 70s hits such as "Feelings" has emerged in the Moribund

Brothers' work. They gleefully contort such tacky tunes as "Maggie May," but can also perform with semi-seriousness when it comes down to those rocking standards like Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Sweet Home Alabama."

Two of the musicians bring to the Moribund Brothers a strong background in Village People-type music, while the other two favor the work of the Sex Pistols. When asked about their most formative 70s experiences, though, the band members recalled fuzzy memories of parental influence and the now extinct 8-track tape.

Hearing his parents' play the song "Joy to the World" by Three Dog Night is Turner's earliest music recollection. Andler, the band's drummer, experienced a more, uh, unusual initiation into the world of 70s music. The day before his brother's Bar Mitzvah, Andler says he accidentally drove his MG convertible off a cliff while listening to Jim Croce on an 8-track tape.

The Moribund Brothers' musical revue marked the third event in the Program Board's series of "70s Week" activities. Tonight's showing of "Saturday Night Fever" and Friday's eagerly anticipated Disco



The Moribund Brothers perform at the Rat last night.

photo by Sarah Biondi

Extravaganza will conclude the retrospective.

Calling himself and fellow band members "chroniclers of history," Scher said, "We're the first genera-

tion who can appreciate" these examples of 70s culture.

While the broadcast of President Bush's official declaration of war was enough to delay the beginning of

the band's show, the Moribund Brothers did not bother worrying about a diminished turnout. Sighed a completely mellow Bennett, "We're just spreading the message of peace, love and polyester."

## GW junior asks 'What's my line?' with new trivia game

by Shannon Brown

If the words, "He's dead, Jim," send you lunging for a television rerun rather than a telephone to make funeral arrangements, one GW student and two of her friends may have a challenge for you.

Frustrated by the lack of exciting new games and bored by old standbys like Monopoly, GW junior Maripaz Felix along with attorney Ross Getman and Valerie Corda, an employee for a national security agency, decided last summer to see if others shared their sentiments. When they discovered the answer to their question was an overwhelming "yes," the trio decided to create a unique trivia game called PrimeTimes.

As movie buffs and TV lovers, the three wanted to create a game which would help the players "recreate and relive the funniest or most memorable lines from film and TV," Felix said. The game, which she describes as "a cross between charades and Name That Tune," is designed to be played interactively, and is easily adaptable to the needs and talents of the group playing. The game's uniqueness lays in its reliability on the creative and interpretive powers of the individual players.

The object of PrimeTimes is for individual or team members to guess the origins of quotes other players act out. Varied categories include TV, film, common expressions, TV theme songs and opening lines. The catch, though, is that points are awarded to players not only on the accuracy of their answers, but also on their talents as actors.

Felix's personal part in the game was to do research and gather quotes for the game cards by watching TV and movies.

An unexpected bonus of the easily-adaptable game has been the response of several radio stations across the country, including nearby Baltimore. Because the game relies so heavily on speech talents of the players, many stations have used it as a feature or contest, with the winner getting a free movie rental. Stations read one of the game's quotes over the air and callers attempt to guess where the line comes from. Such contests utilize free publicity both through the radio stations and video stores.

The game inventors are depending on positive feedback and word of mouth to publicize their efforts. "We're all entrepreneurs at this, in this type of busi-

ness," Felix said.

Versions of the game are now available in Kansas, Louisiana, California and even here in the District. Card Gallery in Dupont Circle sells the game for \$21.

Felix said the group hopes to expand their availability in Washington and along the East Coast, noting they decided initially to concentrate on smaller markets to cut costs. They produced an initial 5,000 copies of the game and will make more as demand rises.

The name PrimeTimes was chosen not only for its obvious connection to television, but also for less apparent reasons. "It refers to the good times, the best times in every era, from the past to current times," Felix explained.

Felix, 20, Getman, 31 and Corda, 30, designed the game to fill what they

perceive as an "insatiable need for trivia," according to Felix.

"Ross wanted to create a fun game, but something not as competitive... as Risk or Monopoly, where some players are eliminated almost immediately," she said.

In other words, those apt to cheat their

grandmother in a game of Go Fish should probably look elsewhere for excitement. But for anyone with a taste for pop culture, keep a sharp eye out in local specialty stores for PrimeTimes.

By the way, Dr. McCoy said, "He's dead, Jim" on the Star Trek TV series.

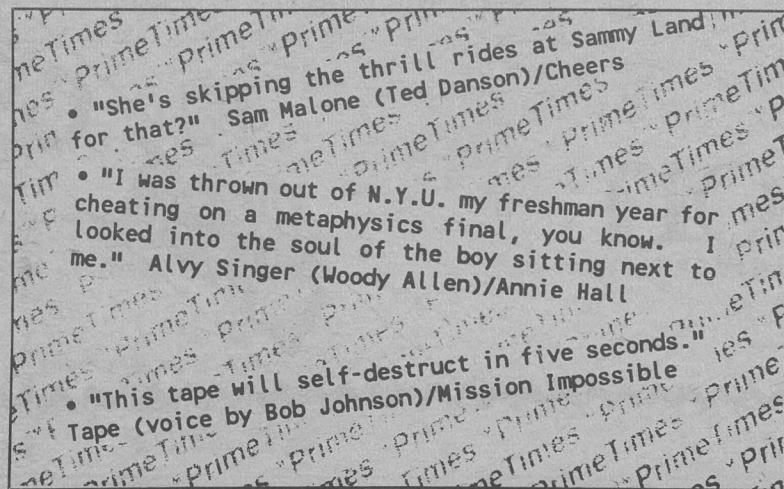


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## OCL offers leadership workshop

The Office of Campus Life is offering a series of workshops to improve program planning, leadership, goal setting and other topics this semester, according to Steven Loflin, assistant director of campus activities.

The Leadership Education and Development series workshops are open to all GW students. "The seminars will be especially helpful for refining and developing the leadership skills and abilities of campus organization leaders," Loflin said.

Leadership Development Assistant Lauren Blush, who organized the series,

said, "Over the course of the Spring 1991 semester, the LEAD series will cover a variety of topics on leadership skills development including program planning, group roles and communication, effective delegation, leadership and its power management, goal setting and volunteer recruiting," she said.

Blush said the LEAD series seminars are stepping stones to an annual leadership workshop, a four-hour seminar designed to facilitate the change of officers after campus organization elections.

"The LEAD series is our contribution to helping the newly-elected officers

understand what their roles are and how to get through the red tape within the administration, and to help them make the transition of power in campus organizations more smooth," she said.

According to Blush, all students are invited to participate in the workshops. Details on the dates, times and locations of the workshops are detailed in the LEAD Series brochure available at the Office of Campus Life in the Marvin Center.

-Ginny Garcia

## NLC professors aid and consult international, domestic groups

by Maren Feltz

Hatchet Staff Writer

In addition to conducting classes and research at GW's National Law Center, several law professors have become involved in various domestic and international organizations, including work with minority recruitment, immigration and Eastern European governments.

According to a University Relations press release, Jose Alvarez, associate professor of law, has been asked to serve on the Association of American Law committee to advise AAL on "the recruitment and retention of minority law teachers." Although Alvarez has not met with AAL, he said the committee will be "looking at diversity in law schools proceeding from the perspective that diversity is desirable." The

committee will focus its efforts on law faculty, Alvarez said, but his work will be closely linked to minority students in law schools.

In addition, the Costa Rican Minister of Justice appointed Alvarez to serve on a committee responsible for selecting a new director for ILANAUD, a United Nations-backed institute in Costa Rica, according to the press release.

Assistant Clinical Professor of Law Paul Grussendorf has been working as part of a task force in charge of designing a training program for 90 new asylum examiners for the Asylee and Refugee Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, according to the press release. Under new regulations, asylum examiners will be working toward "giving (those requesting

asylum) the benefit of doubt and assisting them in making their case as to why they fear persecution," Grussendorf said.

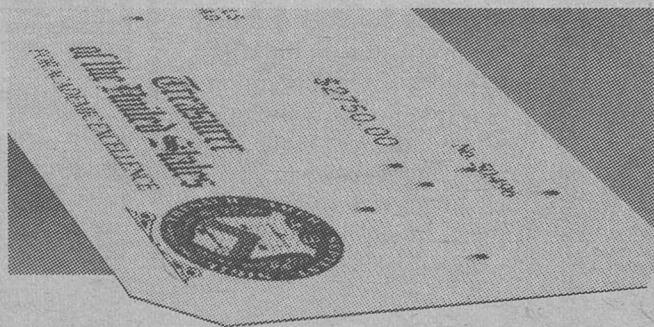
Other NLC professors that have recently assumed positions outside the University include Carol Izumi, associate clinical professor of law, who will be serving on a panel that settles disputes between auto dealers and District, Maryland and Virginia consumers.

Jerome Barron, the Lyle T. Alverson law professor, was part of a three-person delegation sent to a symposium last month in Romania addressing the drafting of East European constitutions. At the conference, Barron presented a paper entitled, "The Interdependent Relationship Between the Executive and Legislative Branches in the American Constitutional System."

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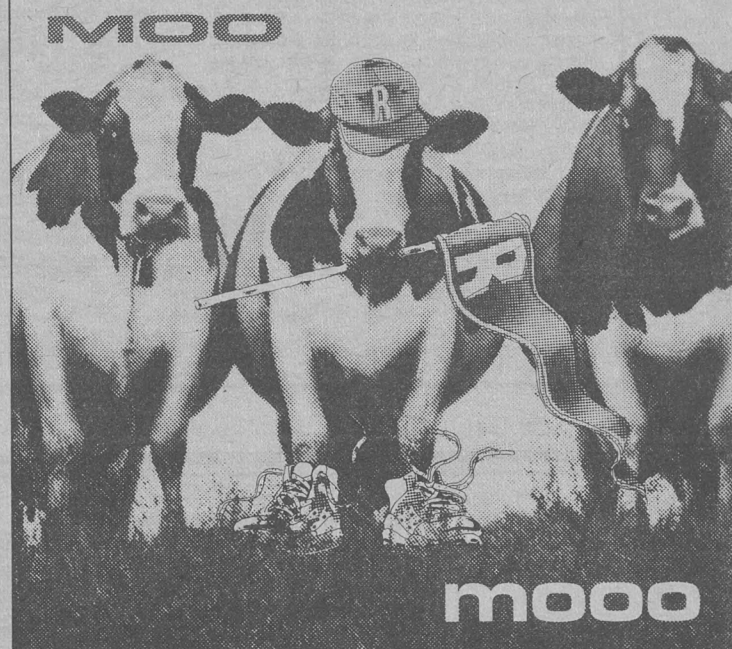
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# King

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Farmby is the executive director of Intercultural Productions, an organization concerned with issues of cross-cultural communication and education. He is the chair of the D.C. Collegiate Effort for UNICEF and works as an assistant policy analyst for the U.S. Committee for Refugees. Farmby has also published a collection of essays, *The String Bracelet: Reflections of and by the Young People of Southeast Asia*, from children now living in Philadelphia, Boston and the District.

"There are a lot of tensions acting as an undercurrent to what people are feeling," Farmby said. "There is a lot of anger people are feeling and unfortunately because we haven't necessarily

learned, or we aren't willing to take a certain step in asking a lot of important questions about people who are different from ourselves, as well as a lot of questions regarding ourselves, I think a lot of these undercurrents are building."

Farmby commented on the rape hoax at GW and said while the issue of rape is important on college campuses, students must not fall back on racial and sexual stereotypes when trying to add validity to the stories. "My question to everybody in this room, and my question to other campuses, is that we need to look at what happened to George Washington University, not necessarily as the fault of one person, who is not necessarily a bigot or a racist, but someone who is voicing the law of the societal problems we have," he said.

Farmby said people must recognize King's human side. "Seeing a human side to Martin Luther King, Jr. is something important because it instills that his being is of the same caliber as our

being," he said.

Farmby said he and other students have been working on a project to help relieve the "underlying tensions" experienced on the campus, and asked all members of the University to show their support for the program by standing in appreciation.

Farmby said he was disappointed that Angelou could not attend the program and added he had been looking forward to meeting her. "I saw her speak when I was 10 at Swarthmore University and I was looking forward to sharing a stage with her today," Farmby said.

Kasle said, "I was incredibly disappointed that (Angelou) had taken sick." Kasle also said she did not know people were shut out of the ceremony, but added campus security had closed the theater when they thought the crowd had reached its capacity. The Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre holds an estimated 450 crowd, according to Kasle.

# Professor receives award for teaching

GW Russian professor Irene Thompson received the honorary Florence Steiner Award for Postsecondary Education last November for leadership in foreign language education, according to a University Relations press release.

The award is presented annually by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages to recognize outstanding work among foreign language teachers.

Thompson said she was "very honored and pleasantly surprised" to receive the award.

"There are so few teachers of Russian compared to French, German and Spanish," she said, adding many high schools do not offer Russian to students and it is a difficult language to learn. The popularity of the learning Russian among

college students has increased 65 percent nationwide, however, Thompson said.

"We have seen a rather steep decline in the number of students in the 1970s, followed by a gradual increase in the 1980s," she added.

Thompson, a child of Russian immigrants, grew up in China. She received a doctorate in psychology at GW and has taught Russian at the University for 25 years. She credited GW with diverse, challenging students and helpful colleagues.

"I think that GW has a lot to do with my receiving this award," Thompson said. "It let me grow, gave me freedom, and allowed me to experiment."

-Sapana Shah

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# National Public Radio broadcasts from Marvin Center

by Paul Connolly

Hatchet Staff Writer

National Public Radio broadcast a forum on the Middle East crisis from the Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre Tuesday, 12 hours before the United Nations deadline for an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait.

NPR's "town meeting" hosted two hour-long panels that answered questions from the audience as well inquiries from callers nationwide. The panel included U.S. Congressmen, a former Arab League representative to the United States and the United Nations and several scholars. The program was mediated by Robert Siegel, host of NPR's "All Things Considered." NPR Senior News Analyst Dan Schorr also joined both panels.

Rep. Jim Moody (D-Wis.) and Jim Leach (R-Iowa) spoke about last Saturday's vote on Capitol Hill authorizing the use of force by President George Bush. Moody, who voted against the use of force, said, "I'm not opposed to using force . . . but up until the moment that we go war we shouldn't throw out attempts at a peaceful solution." He added that a "spinoff of action" would occur if U.S. forces destroyed Iraq and allowed Syria and Iran to fill the political void in Iraq. "That is why I voted the way I did," he said.

Leach, who voted in support of U.S. military action, said, "(Saddam) Hussein is an international criminal. The international community has to respond." He said Hussein could be compared to Hitler and action must be taken against him.

Several audience members expressed concern about the potential loss of life in a U.S.-Iraqi confrontation. Col. Trevor Dupuy, a military historian and author,

speculated on U.S. casualties. He said war would probably last for one week to 30 days and would result in 1,000 to 15,000 American casualties.

Dupuy said desert terrain, overwhelming air power and the nature of our weapons will be able to quickly overwhelm the Iraqi forces.

An employee of Kuwait Outreach said he was angry with United Nations Resolution 678, which set the Jan. 15 deadline. "Saddam Hussein has had 45 days to steal . . . and rape in Kuwait and then leave," he said, adding the invasion and handling of the situation has been unfair to the Kuwaiti people.

The panel members agreed the American public is mostly in support of a war, but opinions could change if a war was long and drawn out. "The public will support a short and successful war, but it will quickly lose support," Schorr said.

He also expressed concern about press censorship in the Gulf. "In war, truth is the first casualty," he said, adding the military "have come to see the press as the enemy. The military will hide many things (from) the eyes and ears of the American people."

When asked about a parallel between Nazi Germany and Hussein's Iraq, Dupuy said the link is a valid one, adding, "Failure to defeat Hussein will lead to another Munich."

Clovis Maksoud, a former Arab League Representative to the United Nations and the United States, said although the United States is asking for illicit compliance to the Jan. 15 deadline, "there does not have to be instant use of the military option."

"I do not think that it is a hopeless situation yet," he added. He said the Geneva talks between U.S. Secretary of State James Baker and Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz failed because "they were talking at each other rather than to each other."

Maksoud said U.S. forces should not obliterate Iraq. "I don't think anyone wants to go in and destroy Iraq. (Arabs) want to see Iraq remain a power in the Arab world," he added.

He said Israeli-Palestinian peace talks are important to stability in the Middle East, calling it the "midwife of the democratization process in the Arab world."

Peter Rodman of the Johns Hopkins Foreign Policy Institute likened Hussein being allowed to keep Kuwait to "one man holding a stranglehold on the lifeline to the United States and Europe." He said Iraq has the "power to blackmail the (United States)" and said there is possibility of an Arab oil embargo against the United States.

Rodman said the problem between Israel and Palestine is a political issue that must be solved by the Arabs and Israelis. "A peace conference is a fraud on the Palestinians," he said.

William Zartman, professor of Conflict Resolution at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, said Hussein is trying to get credit for bringing the Arab-Israeli conflict to heightened attention. Zartman said the United States' goals are more complex than just protecting a major oil-producing area, citing sovereignty and human rights. "Is it over oil?"

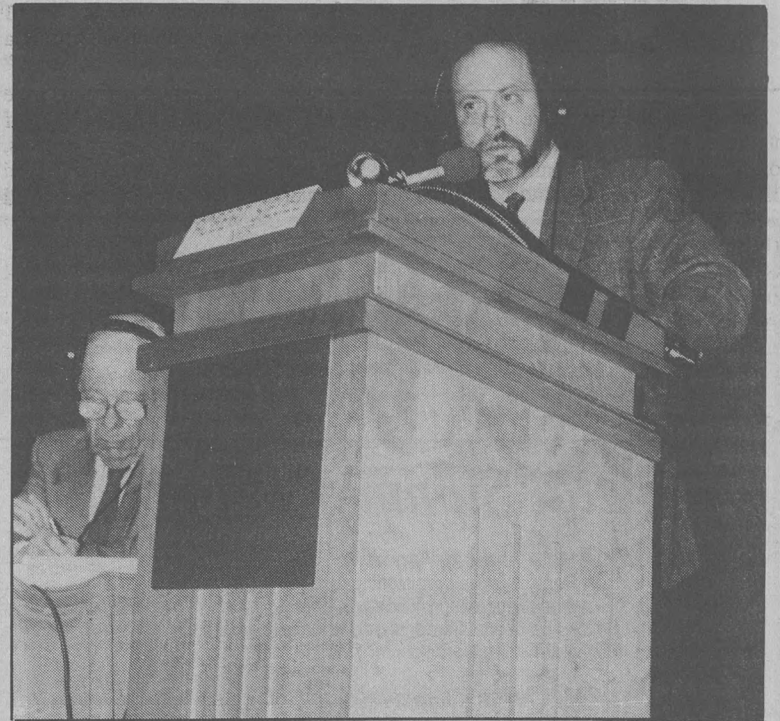


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Yes. But lots of other things as well," he said.

All of the panel members expressed skepticism about the 11th-hour diplomacy led by France, reportedly also backed by Germany and other European nations.

Schorr said, "The French are only trying to buy insurance from terrorism," adding that perhaps the French think the

Arab community will give them credit and not launch terrorist strikes on France.

Dupuy also debunked the idea of last minute solutions. "Further delay simply plays into the hands of Saddam Hussein. If he is in any way rewarded, he will be the strong leader of an Arab world 80 million strong," he said.

Rodman added, "The policy of sanctions has failed. The moment of truth is at hand."

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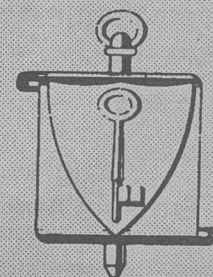
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# Student editors criticized for printing objectionable opinions

**CPS** — Student editors of the University of Lowell (Mass.) Connector thought they had found a good cartoon to publish in an early December edition of the paper.

The choice of cartoons and the chain of events it started, however, has threatened to cost editor Geoffrey Pahl his job.

The reason: two readers thought the cartoon was racist, and Pahl fired back with an editorial suggesting its critics were "stupid" for thinking so.

Pahl, it turns out, is only one of a number of student editors nationwide who have gotten into trouble recently for printing opinions that someone on campus saw as critical of women, minorities, gays or other disadvantaged people.

During the last two months of the fall term, angry students broke into newsrooms, conducted sit-ins or called for editors' resignations at Northern Kentucky University, Saddleback Community College in California and the universities of Missouri-St. Louis and Arkansas.

At Sonoma State University in California, protestors actually conducted a burning of one edition of the Sonoma Star, which printed a cartoon that Spokane-based artist Milt Priggee said was meant to blast the lack of a federal jobs program for black youths.

"I was trying to satirize two different types of extremists," said Paul Tarr, the Boston-based cartoonist who produced the cartoon that the two Connector readers saw as racist.

"It's almost silly" to think someone saw it as endorsing the extremism it was lampooning, Tarr added.

Lowell Assistant Dean of Students Thomas Taylor disagreed.

"Our concern is that within the university setting we cannot be doing things that would create a hostile environment for women or minorities," said Taylor, who objected to Pahl's response to the letter-writers as much as he fretted about how the cartoon and opinions printed in an earlier parody edition of the Connector might alienate minority students at the school.

To some journalism experts, however, Taylor's interference smacks of censorship.

"I don't think an organization or asso-

ciation or dean of students can make decisions for an editor," said Louis Ingelhart, a Ball State University professor emeritus and longtime advocate of getting student papers the same press freedoms as commercial papers.

Ingelhart said he is concerned that a "movement among students to be gentle and not hurt each other's feeling" will force editors to wash potentially upsetting facts from their stories and opinion columns.

Fear of attack also can dissuade editors from printing opinions or stories that they otherwise see as newsworthy, said Mark Goodman of the Washington-based Student Press Law Center, a scholastic newspaper advocacy group.

"If I knew people would take it the wrong way, I wouldn't do it again," said Holly Koons, editor of the student paper in Northern Kentucky, of a cartoon that provoked the threat of a march calling for her resignation.

"Students expressing views that are not with the majority" are also under attack, Goodman observed.

Consequently, he added, "the number of (campus) publications having problems is likely to grow."

This self-muzzling merely reflects wider campus worries about saying something that might even accidentally insult classmates, some observers contend.

"I think students feel restricted and don't feel comfortable" talking in class, Southern Illinois University student Paul Williams said.

"Students begin to become worried about what they want to say," said Stanford University associate communications professor Jeremy Cohen, who blamed a wave of campus prohibitions of using "fighting words" for the anxiety.

Hoping to protect minority students from having to endure racist insults, schools such as Trinity College, the universities of Michigan, Wisconsin, Connecticut and California, all the public campuses in Massachusetts, Emory, Stanford, Brown, Tufts and Penn State universities all have adopted "fighting words" policies since 1988, although not all have kept them.

Students who use the proscribed words can be kicked out of their dorms, kept from engaging in student activities

and even expelled from school.

Some offenders, both real and imagined, have suffered more public humiliations.

On Nov. 7, approximately 75 University of California-Berkeley students burst into the classroom of a professor who had opined out loud that Berkeley's admissions policies discriminated against white applicants.

Later that month, a group of University of Vermont students mounted a similar surprise disruption of a lecture by a professor who, the students charged, had made derogatory comments about women.

Stephen Balch, president of the National Association of Scholars, a faculty group opposed to what it claims is a warping of college courses to satisfy political, not educational values, said, "I find the tendency to suppress and intimidate people troublesome."

Even establishing a NAS chapter at Duke University last term, however, caused a controversy.

At Santa Clara University, which is considering adopting a "fighting words" policy, "students aren't (speaking against) the code" for fear of appearing to be racist," student Carina Del Rosario said.

"I think people are going into this with the best of intentions," Stanford's Cohen said, but the policies may "have a real chilling effect on students."

Dan Hingxman, editor of the student paper at the University of Nevada-Reno, said he believes it already has had a chilling effect on many student editors.

Hingxman recently was charged as being both a homophobe and an unwitting dupe of gay students when his paper reported that someone had been putting up posters deriding homosexuals.

"We're trying to implement laws against the First Amendment," he complained.

By the first week of January, Lowell's Pahl said he had hopes he would escape his scrape with Taylor with just a warning. He maintains he's still baffled by the controversy, however.

"The university should support a free exchange of ideas," he said. "That's not what we're getting here."

## Swim

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Also swimming well was senior co-captain Stephen "Mondo" Goth, who earned two second-place finishes in the 200- and 500-meter freestyle while swimming his best times of the year.

Goth agreed with Hassett when talking about the teams' performance this season. "Our record does not indicate how well we have been swimming," Mondo said. "We are playing some of the toughest teams around."

On the women's side, the story was the same as the Colonial women could not keep up with the Terrapin

squad.

The team started and finished out well as it took first in both medley events. In the first event of the day, the Colonial women (5-2) broke the school record with a time of 1:54.40 in the 200-meter medley relay. The medley consisted of freshmen Kirsten Yauch and Tuba Guvelioglu and juniors Bekki Van Nostrand and Stacey Leo.

In the last event, the 200-meter freestyle team of Yauch, sophomore Sara Hawes and juniors Bekki Van Nostrand and Laura Taddeucci took the top honors.

Guvelioglu and Leo continued to shine throughout the meet. Guvelioglu won the 50-meter breast and finished second in the 100-meter breast, while Leo captured two second-place finishes in the 50- and

100-meter butterfly.

It was also a battle of two of excellent divers. GW's Bobbi Ferraro lost both diving categories for the first time in two years as she got beat by April Tassi, a diver who scored well at nationals last year.

Both teams spent 12 days training in Boca Raton, Fla. during winter break. Freshman Zach Whitney said the seven to eight hours a day of practice has enhanced the teams performance.

"The team has improved since the break," he said. "Our times against Richmond and Maryland prove that."

**Strokes** — The swim teams will be back in action Saturday against Rice University at 1 p.m. at the Smith Center and will travel cross-town to face American, Wednesday at 4 p.m.

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# GW student travels to Israel for studies

GW junior Shirley Mathews, the University's first exchange student to Ben-Gurion University in Israel, did not cancel her study abroad trip out of fear of an Iraqi attack, according to a University Relations press release.

Mathews, a student in the Elliott School of International Affairs, is the first GW student to participate in the new GW/Ben-Gurion exchange program.

Mathews, who will major in Middle Eastern studies at Ben-Gurion University, left the United States Jan. 9. "Classes officially begin on Feb. 14, but for the month in between I'll be taking some intensive Hebrew classes that are required," she said.

In addition to attending classes and studying at Ben-Gurion, Mathews will participate in the local government of Beersheba, where Ben-Gurion is located. According to Mathews, she will be an intern at the city council, a position comparable to a Congressional intern in the United States.

Mathews' trip was made possible by the September 1990 signing of a five-year agreement for exchange and cooperation between GW and Ben-Gurion. This agreement encourages graduate and undergraduate students from GW to study at Ben-Gurion, and students from Ben-Gurion to come to GW. The agreement is the first official action taken by Avishay Braverman, the newly appointed president of Ben-Gurion University. This is one of 13 exchange programs GW participates in.

Jennifer Wright, director of GW's Elliott School of International Affairs Study Abroad programs, said she is glad Mathews has officially begun the exchange.

"We're delighted that we have a student to initiate the exchange, and we're also looking forward to receiving a Ben-Gurion student to begin the reciprocal exchange," Wright said.

-William Frye

## Resolution

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GWU Gay and Lesbian Law Association member Margaret Fine said her group is pleased about the resolution. "We've come a long way," she said. "This was not half-hearted. We're 1,000 miles ahead of where we were before."

GW Gay and Lesbian People's Alliance member Marcel Prather said he is concerned that loose word-

ing of the passed resolution might allow for discrimination by other organizations not federally-affiliated. Prather said although the resolution represented progress, the University needs "to make a point to emphasize and clarify the statement."

"The University feels racism is a bigger problem than homophobia... the fact is homophobia is more dangerous because people don't talk about it," Prather said, adding he and other student groups will be lobbying Board of Trustee members to demand clarification of the resolution.

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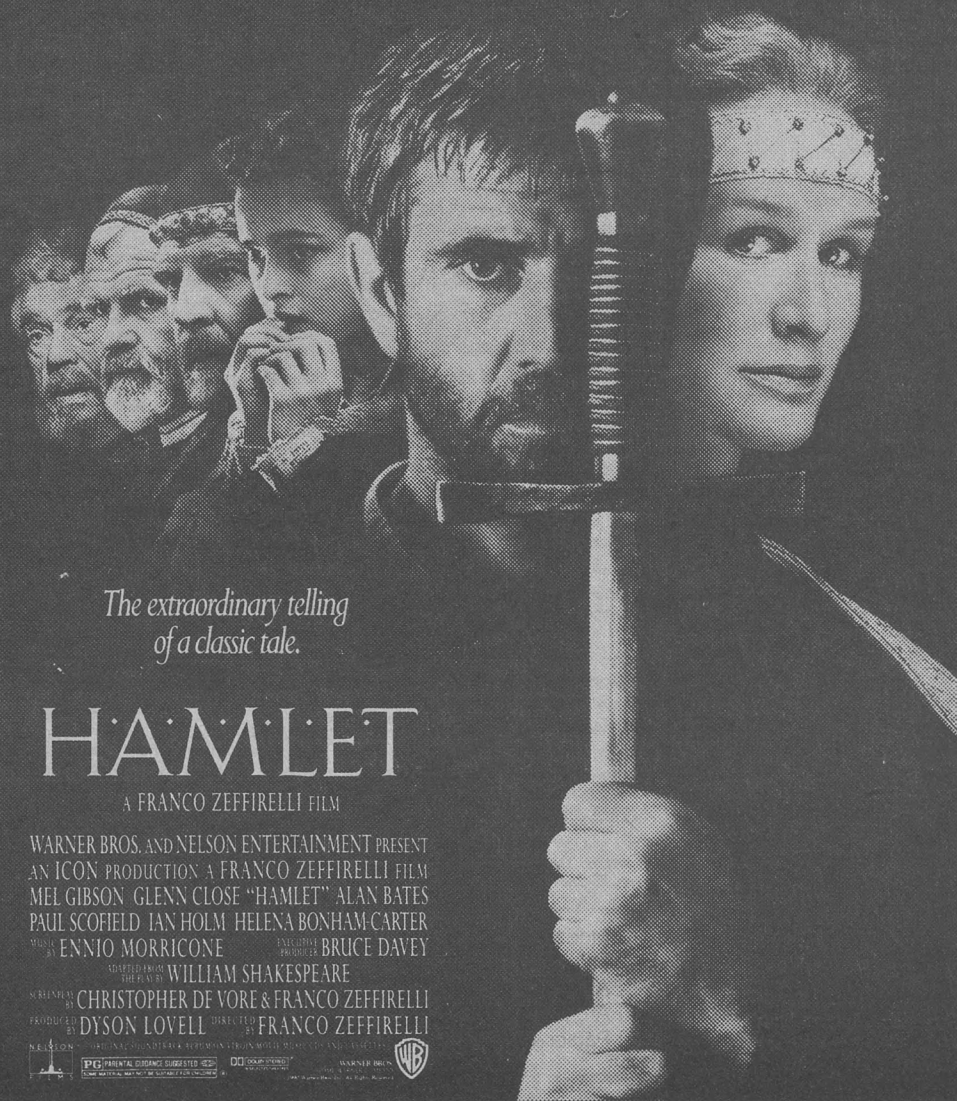
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## Women

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the half up by one, 28-27.

With 16:11 left in the game, Shasky made a lay-up that began an 11-0 spurt for the visitors in which she picked up seven points. GW held a 10-point lead with 12:30 remaining.

The Hawks spent the next four minutes cutting GW's lead down to six before Shasky scored GW's next 11 points, increasing the Colonial women's lead to 12 with 3:15 remaining.

SJU continued to hack at GW's lead, but the Colonial women held on for the last minutes to win by five.

"We're playing at a higher level each game," McKeown said. "We are consis-

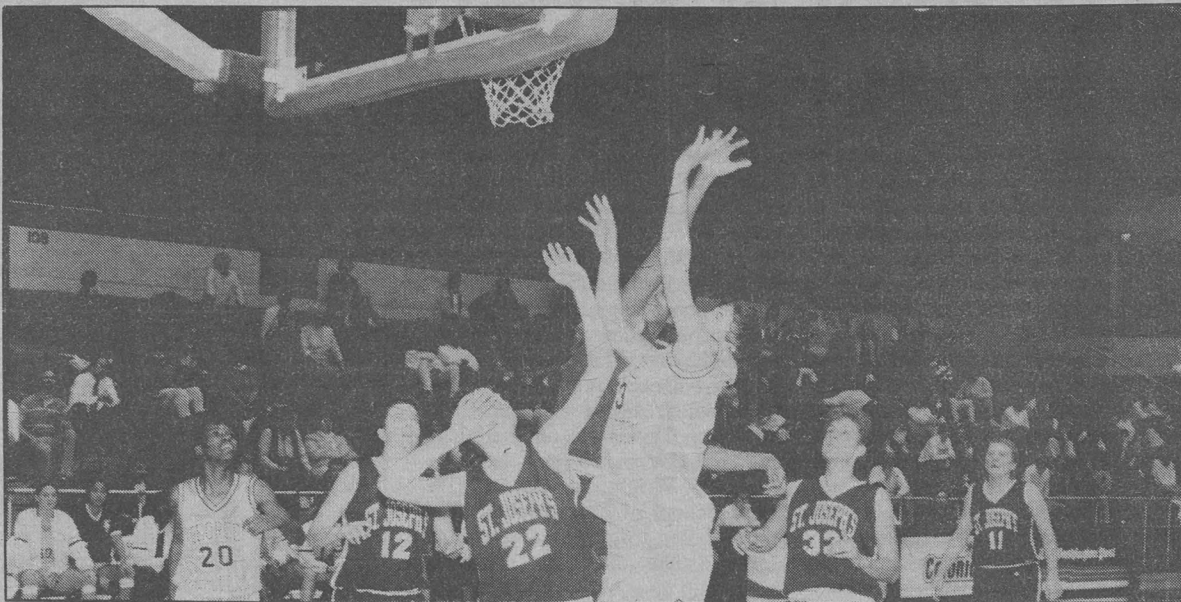
tent and are playing great defense. I hope it will continue."

Shasky was happy with her play in the second half. "In the first half, I had some foul trouble and I was not looking to take it to the basket," she said. "In the second half, I played a more aggressive game and got off the good shots."

Shasky led the team with 24 points. Nordling scored 16 points and added 12 rebounds and four blocked shots, while McArdle helped out with 12 points and six assists.

"After beating (SJU) at home, we had confidence," McKeown said. "The players walked on the floor (Monday) and thought that they were going to beat (SJU)."

**Hoops** — GW hosts two games over the next three days, starting with Duquesne tonight at 5:30 p.m. The Colonial women play West Virginia at the Smith Center, Saturday at 2 p.m.



The Colonial women won another physical match against St. Joe's.

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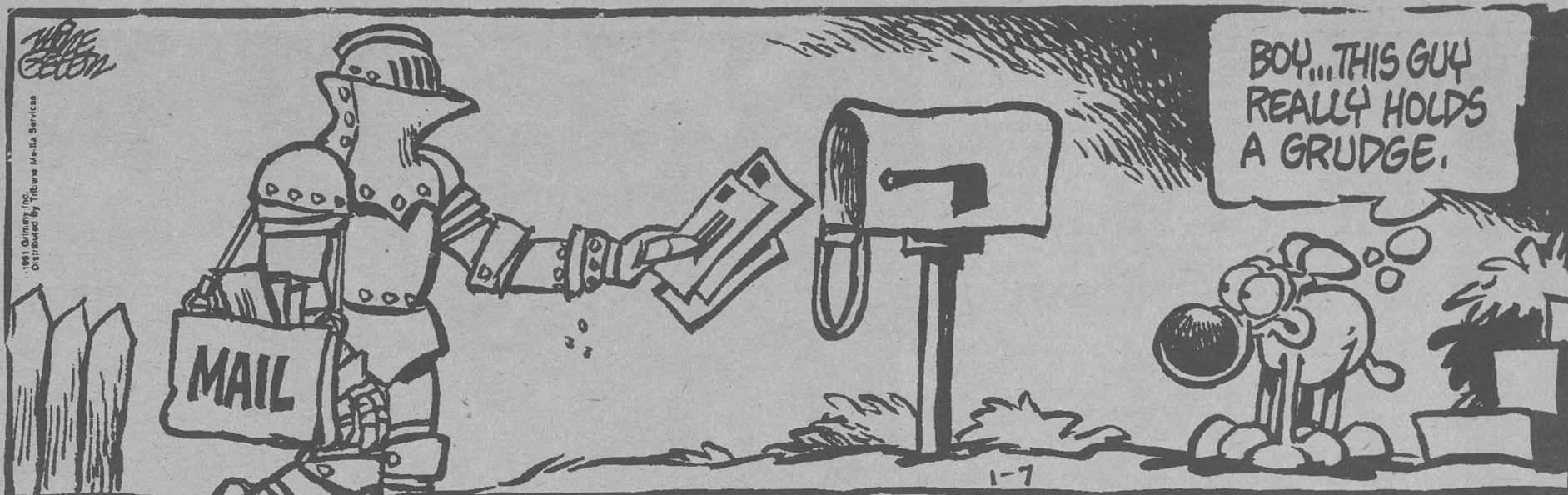
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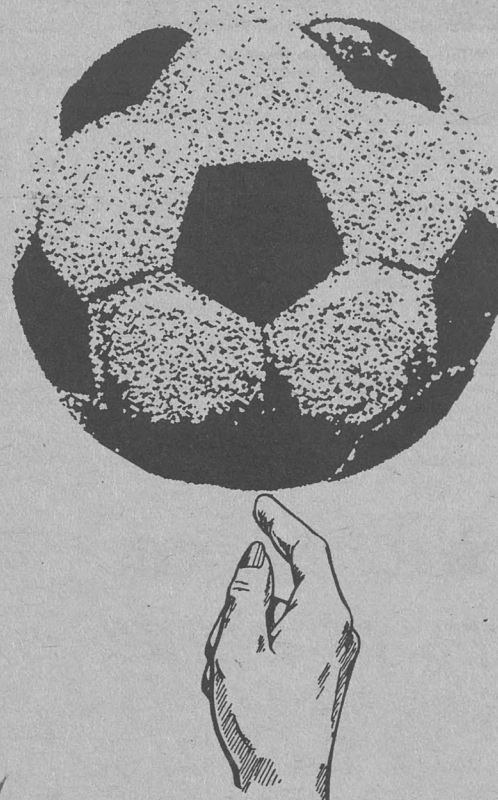
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# SPORTS

## Atlantic 10 stymied in search of members

by Yosefi Seltzer  
Hatchet Sports Writer

The table is set, the mood is right, but the question remains — who's coming to dinner?

The Atlantic 10 Conference is in prime position for expansion — with the impending formation of a Big East football conference and steadily growing national recognition in other sports — but the invites remain hesitant to respond.

The five schools previously named by A-10 Commissioner Ron Bertovich as leading candidates are Virginia Tech, Boston University, the University of Richmond, Virginia Commonwealth and LaSalle University. Virginia Tech and BU have indicated they have no plans to realign. Richmond officials declined to comment, VCU did not return calls and LaSalle reserved its comments to a confirmation of initial informal meetings.

"Our athletic director repeatedly indicated this week that he wishes to stay in the Metro conference by increasing conference membership," Virginia Tech's Director of Media Relations Jack Williams said, adding it would be a "remote possibility" for the Hokies to move to the A-10.

But GW Director of Athletics and Recreation Steve Bilsky said the situation with Virginia Tech has not changed since previous formal and informal talks, the most recent last week at the NCAA annual convention at Nashville, Tenn. Virginia Tech has apparently been invited to join the Big East football conference, comprised of four Big East teams and three A-10 teams.

Much of the instability in the search for additions to the A-10 should be clarified

when the Big East meets with the A-10's football schools — Rutgers, Temple, West Virginia — and Virginia Tech later this month to discuss the football conference.

Bilsky has said some of the schools the A-10 has talked with indicated that stability for their Division I-A football is an integral factor to be considered and they would rather hold off until that point in time.

Williams said North Carolina-Charlotte, South Florida, Rutgers, Temple and WVU were unofficially discussed as possibly joining the Metro, although the Mountaineers have already rejected all offers.

Williams further indicated the Colonial Athletic Association has expressed interest in adding Virginia Tech.

BU Assistant Athletic Director Dick Kelly said the Terriers have no intention of moving, although the North Atlantic Conference now has only six member schools. To rectify that situation, Kelly said Drexel and Delaware are due to enter next year.

Bertovich said discussions had taken place with Virginia Tech, UNC-Charlotte and other schools he declined to mention.

Bilsky, who is also the president of the A-10's executive committee, said discussions have taken place with 19 schools and a decision will be made over the next few months — meaning expansion may not take place until March.

Both Bilsky and Bertovich have restated the A-10's commitment to limiting candidates to schools of similar academic and athletic reputations with no specific timetable in mind.

Against Maryland, the men's team started out with its best time of the season in the 200-meter medley relay. The relay team of junior Joseph Mihaalik, sophomore Henrik Jensen, sophomore Eric Ingram and freshman Patrick Holley finished second to a very quick Terrapin relay team.

GW kept it close throughout the meet. At one point they cut the UM lead to four after Patrick Holley and Eric Ingram finished first and second, respectively, in the 100-meter butterfly. In the 50-meter freestyle, junior Brandt Blanken finished first to cut the lead to three. But that was as close as the Colonials would get as the Terrapins swam away with the victory.

GW (2-5) got a strong performance out of sophomore Eric Wagner, who finished first in the 3-meter dive. Hassett said he was impressed with Wagner's showing.

"Wagner's diving has improved immensely. With him and (junior Damon) Ladd-Thomas, our diving has really come into its own," he said.

(See SWIM, p. 16)



photo by Adam Sidel

Jennifer Shasky ran by the Hawks, scoring 22 second-half points.

## Women hoops clip St. Joseph's, 64-59

by Holger Stolzenberg

Hatchet Sports Writer

Behind Jennifer Shasky's 22 second-half points, the GW women's basketball team won its seventh straight game Monday, beating St. Joseph's, 64-59, in Philadelphia, Penn. The win broke a 18-game home winning streak by the Hawks.

"Jennifer put on quite a show," GW head coach Joe McKeown said. "It was one of the greatest performances that I have ever seen in women's basketball."

With the victory, the Colonial women (11-2 overall, 5-0 in the Atlantic 10 Conference) moved into a first place tie with Rutgers in the A-10. GW received six votes in Tuesday's Associated Press poll of the top 25 women's basketball

teams, good for 41st place.

"I don't pay a lot of attention to the polls," McKeown said, "but I think it's an indication that people are now beginning to respect our program."

Against SJU, it was a physical and defensive oriented game, according to McKeown. GW stole the ball 14 times and blocked five shots, only turning the ball over 13 times.

The Colonial women worked their way up to a 12-8 lead with 11:37 left to go in the first half, led by center Mary K. Nordling and forward Kristen McArdle who each had six points. A 11-2 run by the Hawks put SJU up by five with 6:25 remaining, but it was followed by a GW 8-2 burst. The Colonial women finished

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## Cagers dethrone Monarchs, 65-55

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The GW men's basketball team defeated Old Dominion University Monday night, 65-55, in Norfolk, Va.

The Colonials (8-5 overall, 2-3 in the Atlantic 10 Conference) were powered by defense against the Monarchs, holding ODU to a meager 28.8 percent shooting from the field.

GW head coach Mike Jarvis attributed the Colonials' defensive success to players filling their roles. "The defense was very good as far as carrying out assignments," he said, citing GW's success against the Monarchs' inside players. ODU's highly acclaimed center Chris Gatling scored just 10 points on 4-of-12 shooting.

The Colonials trailed only once in the game — for one basket midway through the first half. GW opened up a lead early against the Monarchs, taking a 14-5 advantage in the game's opening 10 minutes.

ODU made its only significant run of the game when it outscored the Colonials 12-2 in the next four minutes and 39 seconds, taking a 17-16 advantage with 6:29 left in the half.

But the Colonials dug their heels in and retook the lead, securing a 30-25 advantage at halftime.

GW put the game away after the half-time break, extending its lead to as many as 16 with 8:48 to play in the game. The Colonials never led by less than eight the rest of the way.

GW distributed the scoring load evenly in the win, with shooting guards Ellis McKennie and Dirk Surles tallying 11 points each. J.J. Hudock and Rodney Patterson scored nine apiece and Sonni Holland and Mark Karver both had eight points.

**Hoops** — GW hosts A-10 opponent Rutgers tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Smith Center. Going into tonight's contest, the Colonials post an 8-5 record — 4-1 at home, 4-3 on the road and 0-1 on neutral courts. After playing 14 games last season, GW was an even 7-7. . . . In conference competition, GW is 2-3. Beginning with tonight's game, all but one of the Colonials remaining 14 games are conference match-ups. The Colonials will face seven of those opponents on their home court. . . . In a national computerized rating system published in yesterday's USA Today, GW was ranked 73 in the nation. Three other A-10 teams were above GW on the list, making the Colonials fourth in the conference, according to that ranking. Temple, Penn State and West Virginia rated 38, 69 and 70 respectively. Coming in behind GW is Massachusetts at 79, Rhode Island at 114, Rutgers at 134, St. Joseph's at 145, Duquesne at 158 and St. Bonaventure at 285.

-Vincent Tuss

## GW beats Richmond, falls to Terps at home

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Resuming after a three-week layoff, the men and women's swimming teams continue to improve, sweeping Richmond on Saturday but losing to Maryland Tuesday night.

Swimming some of their best times of the season, the Colonials went to Richmond and came away with a double victory; the second time they pulled that feat off this year. The men won by leaps and bounds, 143-96, and the women won a closer one against the Spiders, 125-106.

The outcome was not as bright for GW against the Terrapins at the Smith Center as the men fell, 144-128, and the women could do no better as they lost 145-113.

But according to head coach Bob Hassett, the team should be proud of its effort against the very tough Atlantic Coast Conference opponent.

"I am really pretty satisfied with the way the guys are swimming," Hassett said. "They went against one of the top teams in the East and kept it relatively close."

## Tumblers finish 2nd

The GW gymnastics team opened up its season Friday by tumbling its way to a second-place finish in the four-team Kentucky Invitational, defeating Ohio State and Radford College while falling to the University of Kentucky.

Despite losing to the host Wildcats 182.15 to 182.10, the Colonial women set new team records in the vault, floor exercise and overall score. In addition, junior Nancy Plaskett — after missing all of last season because of injury — won the meet with a score of 37.25 in the all-around competition.

GW head coach Margie Cunningham said she was excited with her team's performance. "It's very hard to pick up where you left off," she said. "Usually it's two steps forward and one step back."

The Colonial women took first in the vault with a score of 46.6 and tied for first with Kentucky in the uneven bars with 45 points. Going into the final team event, GW led by a tenth of a point, but

dropped the floor exercise to the Wildcats by a .15 point margin. Ohio State finished third in the competition (180.35), followed by Radford (176.30).

Cunningham said the team's main goal is qualifying for its regional meet, for which it must place in the top seven at the regional competition at the end of the season. With Kentucky finishing third in last year's regional, Cunningham said this performance "confirmed that we are capable of making it."

Besides Plaskett's individual performance, she also had scores above 9.3 in every team event. Senior Beth Schueler, recovering from an injury that has kept her out of competition the last two years, placed third for the Colonial women in the all-around.

**Vaults** — GW faces the University of North Carolina at the Smith Center, Friday at 7 p.m.